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It has become evident over the years that Michigan's higher courts are an arm of the prosecutor's office and guilty of extreme political correctness.

Ask yourself how many criminal cases are reversed on appeal and how many are denied by Michigan's high courts. Probably 5% (if that many) of all appellate cases are sent back for retrial, and who decides the merit of these cases? Conveniently, it is their law clerks with hidden agendas.

The Supreme Court should abolish lesser-included charges. Example, when prosecutors fear that a jury may be leaning toward acquittal, they may now ask the trial court to allow them to instruct the jury on lesser-included charges (thereby ensuring a conviction). I maintain that if prosecutors have enough evidence to bring charges, they should prosecute on those charges alone. Why should prosecutors get two bites of the apple? If they want lesser-included charges, then they should bring all charges at the warrant stage. If not defense attorneys have no chance to defend against late lesser-included charges when they are brought at the very end of the trial.

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Our Michigan Supreme Court, about a dozen years ago, indicated that they would like to do away with lesser-included charges and they put the courts on notice. Why did this not happen? Did it have anything to do with the prosecutors' conviction rate? Who knows?

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